# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has implemented the National Family Benefit Scheme(NFBS) and sub schemes for BPL;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to revise the amount of benefit for a BPL family in case of death of the primary breadwinner, which is rupees ten thousand presently;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the NFBS which expired in April, 2011 will be replaced or extended by a similar arrangement;

(e) if so, the number of beneficiaries who availed the benefits under the NFBS since its inception;

(f) the number of pending complaints relating to non-payment of benefits under the NFBS; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken by Government to address these grievances?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI LALCHAND KATARIA)

(a)to(e): The National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS), meant exclusively for persons belonging to a family Below the Poverty Line (BPL), is a component of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) which is implemented by Ministry of Rural Development since its inception in the year 1995. There is no separate sub scheme under NFBS. The amount of benefit for a BPL family in case of death of the primary breadwinner, has been enhanced from Rs. 10000/- to Rs.20,000/-, with effect from 18.10.2012. The NFBS did not expire in April 2011, since it is an ongoing programme. The number of beneficiaries covered, since its inception i.e from 1995 is as in Annexure I.

(f)&(g): The NSAP was transferred to State Plan in 2002-03. Since then, the implementation of the schemes at ground level is the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory Administration, which includes identification of beneficiary as well as sanction and disbursement of the benefits apart from the redressal of grievances. No complaints relating to non-payment of benefits under the NFBS have been received in this Ministry.